

SHAP PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
Monday 7 July 2008 at 7.30 pm
Venue: Market Cross****Attendance:**

Chairman:	Mrs J Jackson
Councillors:	Mrs A Bindloss, Mrs P Watson, Mr D Mallinson, Mr H Harrison, Mr E Hodgson, Mr A Sowerby, Mr G Stainton, Mr W Warburg, Mr M Weightman
District Councillor:	Mr N Hughes
Community Safety Officer:	Mr M McKay
PCSOs:	PCSO S Brownrigg, PCSO J Allinson
Clerk:	Mrs D Waterworth
Public:	One

51/7/08 Apologies for absence PC Hodgkinson

52/7/08 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 2 June 2008 and the Special Meeting of 9 June 2008 signed as a true and accurate records.

To accommodate visiting speakers, the Chairman brought forward agenda items 7 and 6 to this point.

53/7/08 Community Safety Matters. The Chairman welcomed Mr Mark MacKay, EDC Community Safety Officer, who gave a brief outline of his role in helping to keep crime at a low level and assist community resilience. He forecast more liaison between parish councils and police and district councils as a result of government initiatives and urged Members to communicate to him any troublesome issues. The Chairman informed him of the progress of the Youth Club plans and offered to facilitate liaison between Mr McKay and the Youth Club. The Chairman thanked Mr McKay for his contribution.

54/7/08 Police Matters. PCSO Stuart Brownrigg reported on the traffic speed survey conducted in May which had highlighted the relatively large number of speeding vehicles and which had already resulted in 26 hours of Police enforcement with the radar gun. Since January, 6 penalty notices, 3 verbal warnings and 1 written warning had been issued. Further Police enforcement would continue with the mobile speed camera van in Shap more regularly. The Chairman allowed a statement from a member of the public that a flashing speed sign was needed. Councillors supported this view and emphasised that this had been a constant request from the Parish Council for many months.

PCSO Brownrigg informed the meeting that 3 members of the public had attended the Police Surgery which was held on Sunday 6 July between 4.45pm and 7.30pm.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Brownrigg for his contribution.

55/7/08 Declarations of interest None

56/7/08 Finance

56.1 Council RESOLVED to approve the statement of accounts to 4 July 2008. *Proposed Cllr Bindloss, seconded Cllr Weightman.*

56.2 Council RESOLVED to authorise payment of the following accounts:

Payments made between meetings:

EDC – car park rates (Direct Debit) [Road Traffic Act 1984, s57]	£54.00
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Allianz Insurance – additional premium [LGA 1972, s111]	
£116.98	
Wages – 6 June to 4 July 2008 [Litter Act 1983, s5; Public Health Act 1987, s144]	<u>£492.45</u>
	Total £663.43

Payments for approval this meeting:

HMRC – Tax and NI April – June 2008 [LA 1983, PHA 1987, LGA1972]	£435.00
D Kipling – grasscutting May & June 08 [Highways Act 1980, s96; LGA 1976, s19]	£1133.88
S Lewis – gardening April – May [Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9&10]	£195.00
Shap CDC – Shap Today publication [LGA 1972, s142]	£300.00
Glasdon UK Ltd – litter bin [Litter Act 1983, ss5&6]	£239.14
D Waterworth – reimburse computer security software [LGA 1972, s111]	£59.98
Clerk’s salary – June 2008 [LGA 1972, s112]	<u>£190.10</u>
	Total

£2553.10

Proposed Cllr Warburg, seconded Cllr Hodgson.

56.3 To approve virement of £130 for additional insurance from contingency. *Proposed Cllr Mallinson, seconded Cllr Hodgson.*

57/7/08 Planning applications:

- 57.1 08/0342, Plane Trees Barn, erection of double sectional wooden garage – withdrawn.
- 57.2 Planning decision – 3/08/9007, Shap Blue Quarry & Works, erection of coated roadstone plant - granted.
- 57.3 Planning decision – 08/0161, Sunways, Shap, increase in height of roof to provide additional bedrooms – granted.
- .4 Planning decision – 08/0168, Raby Cottage, Hardendale, portacabin – granted.
- 57.5 Planning decision – 08/0316, Site adjacent to Moorland View, Keld, construction of dwelling - granted.
- 57.6 Planning decision – 08/0324, Allandale, Shap, single storey extensions – granted.
- 57.7 Planning decision – 08/0209, Methodist Chapel, Shap, creation of eight residential units – granted.
- 57.8 Planning decision – 08/0402, Greenaway Crossings, Wandsworth Gardens, Shap, extension of lobby/ porch – granted.
- 57.9 08/0226, land adjacent to Peggy Nut Croft, single storey Medical Centre – update. District Councillor Hughes outlined the procedure following on the EDC Planning Committee’s decision that they were “minded to refuse” the application by 5 votes to 3 and he urged the Parish Council to take a proactive lead to contact the PCT and County Council. Council RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to the PCT and the County Council to restart discussions re a suitable site. *Proposed Cllr Warburg, seconded Cllr Sowerby.*
There was some disparity of views about the actual vote count at the Planning Committee meeting and Cllr Weightman outlined his concerns about the voting procedure.

58/7/08 LDNPA Local Development Frameworks consultation - to determine response. Cllr Warburg outlined the important implications for Shap and, in relation to the LDF Core Strategy: Preferred Options, Council agreed that the Clerk should write supporting the proposals, particularly the recognition of landscape diversity and the criteria-based approach. Council awaited further information on the criteria.

In relation to the LDF Minerals & Waste Core Strategy: Preferred Options, Council had no further comment.

59/7/08 Highways Matters – report of meeting with Highways to consider priority for inclusion in 2009 Highways budget; report from Clerk re Highways Stewards scheme. Cllr Hughes reported that Shap’s Transport Improvement Scheme had been awarded a score of 29 with the cut off point at around 36. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Masser for a copy of the plan and the scoring criteria.

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Council RESOLVED to propose to Highways that a relatively small-scale priority drawn from the full scheme should be the creation of a layby opposite the butchers to be brought about by the removal of the crazy paving. *Proposed Cllr Bindloss, seconded Cllr Hodgson.*

- 60/7/08 BT's proposal to close telephone boxes (Rosgill) – consultation deadline 18 July 2008.** Council RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to EDC requesting the retention of the Rosgill telephone box on the basis that a) it was the nearest emergency point to the Coast to Coast Long Distance Walk after a considerable number of miles between stages with no other access and, b) there was poor and sporadic mobile network reception for all four mobile networks in the area. *Proposed Cllr Warburg, seconded Cllr Weightman.*
- 61/7/08 Shap Public Toilets refurbishment – update.** The Chairman informed the meeting that the contractors for the refurbishment were Atkinson Building Contractors of Penrith. After consultation the contractors had been given the go ahead to start work immediately. The contractors anticipated that the work would take 10 weeks although EDC had allowed 14 weeks. A working space and temporary toilets had been provided and some tree pruning was under way. A toilet cleaning contract was in place. Cllr Warburg agreed to check that the working plans included the modifications to the Ladies entrance.
- 62/7/08 Shap Swimming Pool – request for grant towards repair costs.** Council RESOLVED to award a grant of £1,000 to offset repair costs and the Clerk was authorised to make the payment as soon as practicable. *Proposed Cllr Mallinson, seconded Cllr Hodgson.*
- 63/7/08 Removal of four trees in the Memorial Park - to appoint a contractor and determine preferred date for the work to commence.** Council RESOLVED to award the contract to Mr J Hodgson with the work to take place in October 2008. *Proposed Cllr Bindloss, seconded Cllr Sowerby.*

64/7/08 Correspondence:

- 64.1 Council acknowledged receipt of consultation document from Cumbria NHS on Mental Health Services in Cumbria – deadline 30 September 2008. Cllr Warburg offered to assess the document and report back.
- .2 Council acknowledged receipt of letter of thanks from MENCAP.
- .3 Council acknowledged receipt of letter of thanks from Cumbria Air Ambulance.
- .4 Council acknowledged receipt of request from the new Eden District Council Chairman, Mr Tony Brunskill, to attend a future Parish Council meeting and noted that he had chosen to attend the meeting on 8 September 2008.

65/7/08 Matters for report.

- .1 Cllr Hodgson reported that he had had two requests for a notice board near the bus shelter. He agreed to approach a local craftsman about the work.
- .2 Cllr Sowerby reported that the new bridge at Wet Sleddale was slippery when wet and the Clerk was asked to notify the LDNPA.
- .3 District Cllr Hughes alerted the Council to the possible threat to the budgets for parks and open spaces, including swimming pools.
- .4 Cllr Warburg reported on the Eden Parish Councils meeting that he and the Clerk had attended, notably the possibility of parishes grouping together to tackle a particular problem or issue.
- .5 Council noted results of traffic and facilities survey carried out by Ullswater College students and the Clerk was asked to write and thank them.
- .6 Council noted request from LDNPA re their Open Spaces, Sport and Recreation Study and asked the Clerk to respond with details.
- .7 Council noted receipt of planning application 08/0493, 9 Brackenber Lodge, Shap – erection of summer house in garden. No objections.
- .8 Council noted information re Eden Area Police Liaison meeting on 29 July 2008 at Alston.
- .9 Council noted information that CCC were sponsoring a 2009 Cumbria in Bloom competition.
- .10 Council noted information re Cumbria Police recruitment of Independent Members.
- .11 The Clerk reported that there had been no interest expressed in the Assistant Clerk's job and in line with Council's decision (Minute 44/6/08) the Clerk would go ahead and place an advert in the Cumberland & Westmorland Herald.

66/7/08 Date of next meeting: Monday 4 August 2008.

The meeting closed at 9.46 pm.

Signed(as a true record)

Date